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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (MARCOS, MRS. IMELDA) SCUL, PEPR, UR, RP  
SUBJECT: EFFUSIVE PRESS TREATMENT OF MRS. MARCOS IN MOSCOW

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1. PHILIPPINE PRESS COVERAGE OF MRS. MARCOS' VISIT TO MOSCOW JUNE 29-JULY 8 WAS TYPICALLY EFFUSIVE. ALL MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED IDENTICAL FLATTERING STORIES WRITTEN BY A NATIONAL MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTER (NMPC) STAFFER ACCOMPANYING HER, PLUS OCCASIONAL WESTERN WIRE SERVICE STORIES AND PHOTOS. PRESS COVERAGE SEEMED DESIGNED TO GIVE GENERAL IMPRESSION, PERHAPS FOR WASHINGTON EARS, THAT SHE RECEIVED VERY SPECIAL TREATMENT, THAT HIGH-LEVEL SOIET OFFICIALS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH HER DISCUS- SING UNSPECIFIED IMPORTANT MATTERS OF STATE, AND THAT SHE IS CAPABLE AND SUCCESSFUL STAND-IN FOR HER HUSBAND.

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- ON HER VISIT TO THE COSMONAUT COMPLEX, NMPC NOTED "VERY FEW VISITORS ARE GIVEN THE PRIVELEGE OF VISITING STAR CITY, NOT EVEN HEADS OF STATE."

- ON HER JULY 4 MEETING WITH PREMIER KOSYGIN, REUTER STORY QUOTES TASS THAT SHE "DISCUSSED CULTURAL TIES BE-

TWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH KOSYGIN, AS WELL AS POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN OTHER FIELDS." NMPC SAYS THEY DISCUSSED "THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE-SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."

- NMPC QUOTES SOVIET DEPUTY CULTURE MINISTER POPOV THAT "IT WAS A MOST IMPRESSIVE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN TWO VERY SERIOUS POLITICIANS." NMPC ALSO QUOTES CULTURE MINISTER DEMICHEV, AT A DINNER FOR MRS. MARCOS JULY 5, THAT IT WAS A "VERY IMPORTANT MEETING." DEMICHEV CONTINUED THAT "COMRADE KOSYGIN ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT ALL THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES YOU RAISED AT THE MEETING ARE NOW BEING DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY. ALL OUR COMRADES IN THE POLITBURO AND IN THE GOVERNMENT CONGRATULATE YOU AND WISH YOU GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS IN ALL YOU DO."

- AFTER SIGNING THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT JULY 7, ACCORDING TO NMPC, "GROMYKO SAID PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV WAS OUT OF TOWN BUT ASKED HIM TO CONVEY HIS BEST REGARDS AND RESPECTS TO PRESIDENT MARCOS AND TO THE FIRST LADY." GROMYKO IS ALSO QUOTED RECALLING IN GREAT DETAIL HER TWO PREVIOUS VISITS TO MOSCOW IN 1972 AND 1976.

- JULY 12 "DAILY EXPRESS" CARRIES A BRIEF UPI REPORT FROM LONDON THAT MRS. MARCOS "PAID A HALF-HOUR CALL ON CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN AT HIS NO. 10 DOWNING ST. OFFICE MONDAY." MURPHY

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